

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TUNIS 04187 151513Z

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 L-03 H-01 DHA-02 PRS-01  
CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 NEAE-00 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02  
SS-15 /063 W

-----151531Z 078348 /53

R 150701Z JUN 77 ZDK CITE RUEHCS 1086W

FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7134

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 4187

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, TS

SUBJ: CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC LIBERTIES

REF: TUNIS 4113

1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AFTER CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC LIBERTIES WAS BLICKED, HASSIB BEN AMMAR PROTESTED THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AND CALED FOR THE FREEING OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE MANIFESTO CALLING FOR THIS CONFERENCE (SEE TUNIS 2590) HAD BEEN SIGNED BY NEARLY 600 PERSONS INCLUDING FIVE POLITICAL PRISONERS BEING HELD BY THE GOT AT THE BIZERTE PRISON. BEN AMMAR SAID THAT HE WOULD SEEK PROPER APPROVAL FROM GOT FOR THE "COUNCIL ON LIBERTIES," WHICH HE AND HIS ASSOCIATES HAD "CREATED" JUNE 9 AT THE TUNIS-CARTHAGE AIRPORT.

2. PUBLIC REACTION TO GOT BLOCKAGE OF CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC LIBERTIES HAD BEEN MUTED. LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE WAS LIMITED TO BRIEF ARTICLE IN PSD DAILY L'ACTION ON JUNE  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TUNIS 04187 151513Z

11 REPORTING THAT "WE UNDERSTAND THAT PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES INTERDICTED HOLDING OF A MEETING CONVOKED BY HASSIB BEN AMMAR TO CREATE WHAT HE CALLED THE 'COUNCIL OF LIBERTIES.'" L'ACTION NOTED THAT SEVERAL FOREIGN PERSONALITIES HAD COME TO TUNIS FOR THIS EVENT AND REMINDED ITS READERS THAT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAD RECENTLY GIVEN APPROVAL TO THE LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN. SEMI-INDEPENDENT DAILY LE TEMPS, WHICH

HAD REPORTED ON PRELIMINARY WORK FOR CONFERENCE, WAS APPARENTLY  
SCARED OFF THE STORY BY GOT AND DID NOT REPORT THE BLOCKAGE ON  
JUNE 10.

3. WELL-INFORMED TUNISIAN HAVE HAD ACCESS TO MOST OF THE FACTS  
SURROUNDING THE BLOCKAGE OF THE CONFERENCE VIA TWO ARTICLES  
IN LE MONDE (ON JUNE 11 AND 12). THESE ISSUES OF LE MONDE  
WERE SOLD FREELY ON TUNIS NEWSSTANDS.  
MULCAHY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** HUMAN RIGHTS, MEETINGS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 15-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977TUNIS04187  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770213-1044  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** TUNIS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770652/aaaabtyo.tel  
**Line Count:** 71  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 5917077c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 TUNIS 4113  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 23-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2136495  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC LIBERTIES  
**TAGS:** SHUM, PINT, TS  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/5917077c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009